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"The People's Choice"

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Softball games

V Maidens in Graham Tournament
March 7 & 9

JV, V Maidens vs Abilene Wylie
Fri., Mar. 8, 4:30 p.m. at Haskell

JV Maidens in
Stamford Tournament
Sat., March 9

Baseball games

V Indians in Haskell Tournament
March 7 & 9

V Indians in Rotan Tournament
March 11-12

JV Indians vs Rotan
Tues., Mar. 12 at Haskell

Track

Indians, Maidens
Seymour Relays Fri., Mar. 8

Golf

Indians at Merkel Country Club
Mon., March 11, 9 a.m.

Calendar

Car Show

The 6th annual Haskell Fire Dept. Car Show will be held Sat., March 16 around the courthouse in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging is at 1:30 p.m. followed by a trophy presentation at 3:30. Hot Wheel races will be held for the kids. Kids tractor pull will be held. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023 or Coy Scoggins at 864-3694.

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet Mon., March 18 beginning at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Randy McLelland. The meal will be catered by the Rule Junior Class.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., March 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room Fri., March 8 at noon. If you would like to be a member, call 940-864-2551.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Ginger Test will be guest artist. Hostesses are Charlene Williams and Clara Gholson.

Revival

Trinity Baptist Church will hold a revival March 10-14. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Week night services will be at 6:30 p.m.

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Food distribution center serves local families

By Mary Kaigler

Sat., Mar. 16 Haskell County families eligible for assistance will find help at the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, located at 1303 North Ave. I.

Available each 3rd Saturday, the food distribution program initiated by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance was started in January. About 23 families received the food in January and 53 families involving 150-160 people were served during the Feb. 16 distribution. It is expected that by summer the group will be serving over 100 families.

East Side Baptist Church in Haskell, with Dr. David Page, pastor, as overseer of the project, is the lead church in bankrolling and overseeing the many details involved in this new ministry to those in need. Some of the funds are received from Ministerial Alliance churches and from private donations. The church is currently in the process of preparing a building near the church property to permanently house the distribution center. When completed it will be made available to the project at a nominal rate of \$1.00 per year.

Page said the planning group is working toward the integration of other area churches into the project. Volunteers from the Haskell Christian Church are helping with the monthly distributions, but more volunteers are needed and are always welcome, Page said, adding that it is time consuming and detailed work.

Food items, which are purchased from the Wichita Falls Food Bank, are picked up there on Wednesdays and packed on Friday afternoon and night to be distributed on each third Saturday. The boxes usually consist of bakery goods, canned and dry goods and whatever is available at the food bank. Last month, Page said they were also able to obtain bacon, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes. The average per box is around 45 pounds of goods per family. Last month the load picked up from the Food Bank weighed about 3,500 pounds.

Applications for food may be picked up at the Department of Human Services, County Courthouse and most churches in the region.

Applications for the food must meet guidelines set up by a local committee. The guideline requirements are based on those used by other area food banks and tailored to meet the need of Haskell area applicants.

The Haskell County Food Distribution Center is a good opportunity for a community to join together to look after the needs of its own. Though not solicited, donations may be made for purchase of the food. For more information contact David Page at East Side Baptist Church.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION—Volunteers Mike Poteet, left, and Roy Wright, pack boxes in preparation for the third Saturday assistance offered by the Haskell County Food Distribution Center, a project of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

Annual Car Show scheduled March 16

The streets around the Courthouse square in downtown Haskell will be humming and buzzing Sat., Mar. 16, when the 6th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show gets underway with something for the entertainment and enjoyment of all ages.

The twelve classes included in this year's car show are: Cars Pre-'64; Cars '65 and up; Antique Cars, Trucks thru '50; Street Rods Pre '49; Race Cars; Older Pickups Pre '84; Pickups '85 and up; Antique Tractors; Motorcycles; Restoration in Progress; Jr. Dragsters; Cushman

Scooters.

Cash prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded in each class.

Entry time will be from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Station. Entry fee is \$20.00. Judging will be at 1:30 p.m. with the trophy presentation at 3:30.

Awards and cash will be given for special categories of Best of Show, People's Choice (selected by the public), and Furthest Distance Traveled. Entry fee in the Hot Wheels for Kids race is \$1.00. Trophies will

given for 1st and 2nd places.

The Kids Tractor Pull with kid-size tractors, will again be featured, sponsored by Bill Wilson Ford Motor Company and Quality Implement Co.

The Fire Department will again be serving hot meals on the square featuring hamburgers and fries.

A flea market will again be held around the square, sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Vendor spaces measuring 6 by 20 feet are available for \$10.00 each. They can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office or Janet Earles at Haskell National Bank.

A swap meet will be held on the Haskell Fair Grounds. There is no entry or admission fee. Any kind of item may be brought.

For more information about the show call Coy Scoggins 940-864-3694 or Randy Shaw 940-864-2023.

Primary election set Tues., March 12

With the Primary Elections set for Tues., Mar. 12, County Clerk Rhonda Moeller is reminding county voters that they can vote in only one political party primary, either Republican or Democrat.

The Haskell County Republican primary will be held at the First National Bank in Haskell.

The Haskell County Democratic Primary will be held at the regular precinct locations listed below:

Pct. 1. Catholic Church Activity Center, 901 N. 16th St., Haskell.

Pct. 2. Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E., Haskell.

Pct. 3. Extension Building, 104 S. Ave. D., Haskell.

Pct. 4. Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 S. 1st., St., Haskell.

Pct. 5. Rule High School Gym.

Pct. 6. Rochester Fire Department.

Pct. 7. City Hall, O'Brien.

Pct. 8. Weinert School Building.

Pct. 9. Paint Creek School Library.

Pct. 10. Community Room, Sagerton.



DERBY WINNERS—Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 members hold the ribbons they won in the Pinewood Derby held Feb. 10 at the Little Gym. From the left, Tucker McCormick, third place; Ethan Frierson, first place and Marco Gonzalez, third place.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Darlene Conn and son, Daniel, and daughter Julie Cochran of Burnet were in Haskell on Wed. and Thurs. visiting Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and Joyce Hawkins. Julie was taking care of business and went to Aspermont to pick up her daughter, Audree, who had been spending time with dad, Cody, and grandparents the Cochrans.

Brian, Tamera and Dakota Hearn of Irving were here over the weekend visiting her mom, Charlene Hawkins, and his mom, Tamera also visited with her dad, Glendon Hawkins.

On Friday, Faye Gray and Fannie Mae Barton went with a group from First Baptist to Hardin-Simmons in Abilene for a senior adult day.

David and Denise Conn and girls went to Burnet on Saturday to visit his mom, Darlene, and take care of business. They returned home on Sunday night.

Anita Herren celebrated her 88th birthday last week with the help of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Tanna Moeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Moeller of Munday, spent last week with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moeller while her parents attended the livestock show in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moeller spent time in Hurst with granddaughter, Rebecca Moeller, while her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Moeller, were in Orlando, Florida on business.



LUKE SLATTER

Slatter child in fatal accident

Luke Slatter, two year old great-grandson of Alvin and Margie Dorner of Haskell died Tues., Feb. 12 after being run over by a tractor at his family home in Lufkin.

Hearing his grandfather crank up his tractor about 5:30 p.m., the child ran out to meet him and was hit.

Parents of the child are Bret and Jennifer Slatter of Lufkin. He is survived by one sister, Michah, who followed him out of the house just in time to witness the accident.

Grandparents are Basil and Beverly Slatter of Lufkin and Mike and Janis Penn of Center.

Other great-grandparents are Coy and Imogene Bush of Center.

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Obituaries

Abelardo T. 'Lalo' Castillo



LALO CASTILLO

Rosary for Abelardo T. 'Lalo' Castillo, 68, of Goree were held Wed., March 6. A mass will follow on Thurs., March 7. Both services will be held at the St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father Michael Melcher officiating. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Castillo died Sun., March 3 at a Seymour hospital.

Born July 23, 1933 in Floresville, he married Rosa Soto Nov. 10, 1954 in Ballinger. He was a ginner working for the Paymaster Gin in Weinert for over 20 years.

He was preceded in death by one son, Joe Castillo in 1994 and one brother, Ignacio Castillo Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa of Goree; four sons, Frank of Big Spring, Adam of Goree, Abelardo Jr. and Ruben, both of Munday; three daughters, Hilda Aguilar of Goree and Ester Hendershot, both of Goree, Rosa Ana Lara of Rogers, Arkansas; four brothers, Lupe of Wilmar, Minnesota, Martin of Abilene, David of Goree and Ruben of Weinert; three sisters, Janie Diaz of Olivia, Minnesota, Elizabeth Perez of Natalie and Lydia Castillo of Winters; 23 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

PD. NOTICE

Helen Viola Calvert

Funeral services for Helen Viola Calvert, 90, of Bloomington, Illinois were held Mon., March 4 at Centennial Christian Church in Bloomington with Rev. Randy A. Williams officiating. Burial was in East Lawn Memorial Garden, Bloomington.

Mrs. Calvert died Fri., March 1 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka, Illinois.

Born July 1, 1911 in Bloomington, she was the daughter of Thomas B. and Adra Ross Selders. She married Joseph W. 'Wally' Calvert Dec. 5, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio. He preceded her in death Oct. 4, 1996. She had worked as a resident hall attendant at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois for fifteen years. A lifelong member of Centennial Christian Church in Bloomington, she

was well known for her enthusiasm, her caring for other people and her handwork.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas D. Calvert; two brothers, Ross T. Selders and H. Paul Selders; three sisters, Mildred H. Barr, E. Carolyn Mays and Charlotte M. Crumbaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Leslie Lynn Frizzell of Bloomington; a son, Joseph W. 'Joe' Calvert Jr. of Rule; one sister, Elinor Troyer of Jacksonville, Illinois; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews including Margo Troyer Hollingsworth of Rule.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Haskell.

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Carl Wayne Davis Jr. (Po)

Memorial services for Carl Wayne Davis Jr. (Po), 50, of Haskell were held Mon., March 4 at Paint Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Stephen Russell officiating. His body was donated to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis died Sat., March 2 at a local hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Davis of Haskell; three sons, Bryan Davis of Littlefield, Blake Davis of

Lubbock, and Blayne Davis of Stephenville; one daughter, Misty Brantley of Haskell; his parents, Carl and Hazel Davis of Littlefield; three sisters, Sue Montgomery of Amherst, Vicky Huber of Levelland, and Vivian Henderson of Littlefield; two brothers, George and Roy Lee Davis, both of Littlefield; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to any Children's Miracle Network.

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Mary Lou Messenger

Funeral services for Mary Lou Messenger, 48, of Rule will be held Thurs., March 7 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Messenger died Sun., March 3 at a Haskell hospital.

Born Feb. 27, 1954 in Hereford, she married Roger Messenger April 23, 1986 in Haskell. She was a home

maker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Melissa Summers of Rule and Jessica Messenger of the home; her mother, Vivian Hunt of Stamford; one brother, Bud Hunt of Sagerton; three sisters, Betty Malone of Stamford, Rutha Faye Davis of Abilene and Judy Andrews of Rule; numerous nieces and nephews.

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Allen Cliff Rieves

Funeral services Allen Cliff Rieves, 71, of Weatherford were held Thurs., Feb. 28 at Aledo United Methodist Church with Bob Briles officiating. Burial was in Bethesda Community Cemetery under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home.

Mr. Rieves died Mon., Feb. 25 at his home.

Born Nov. 25, 1930 in Ennis, he graduated in 1948 from Milford as valedictorian. He started to work in the automobile business as early as 18 years of age for Wyndham Chevrolet in Italy, Texas. From there he and his young family moved to Haskell, where he was manager of the Western Auto Store for 10 years. In 1967, he moved to Dallas. He worked at Steakley Chevrolet for five years before starting to work for Bill McDavid in Fort Worth. He was business manager at McDavid's for 23 years. In 1996, he and his wife, Brenda bought two

H&R Block franchises, one in Mineral Wells and one in Decatur. He was an active member of the Aledo United Methodist Church. He taught a Sunday School class and was a member of Lake Weatherford Community Association.

He was preceded in death by parents, John and Mae Rieves, wife, Nancy; and two brothers, Lynn and Jack Rieves.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; one son, Richard Rieves of Hamburg, Germany; one daughter, Kathy and son-in-law, Keith Hoerle of North Richland Hills; one grandson, Shawn of Spring; and two granddaughters, Christina and Stacey of North Richland Hills.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3301 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

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Spring Fling set April 15-19 in Brownwood

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
 Experience spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Spring Fling '02 is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of April 15-19.

Opportunities includes "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn seasonal crafts, gardening, candle making, ballroom dancing, wood crafting and many other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to the stay on the lighted

boathouse. Or the beautiful spring foliage on the nature trail or some birding activities may be enjoyed. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment is also a part of the program. This year bring golf clubs and play at the newly opened Feather Bay Golf Resort just one mile from the facility. Fun and educational tours are an option for those who prefer this type of fun.

"Spring Fling... Spring Returns" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a banquet.

Those 50 or older may contact Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS at 940-864-2546 for more information.



MR. AND MRS. CARROLL GREENWOOD

Reception honors couple's anniversary

Carroll and Geneva Greenwood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Feb. 16 with a reception held at the First Baptist Church in Hawley.

The couple married Feb. 18, 1952 in Haskell.

Their golden wedding celebration was hosted by their children: Dale and Bette Greenwood of Anson; Mike and Barbara Greenwood of Mansfield; Mark and John Greenwood of Hawley; Annette and Gary Range of Eula; Kim and Jeff Waits

of Hawley; and their adopted children, Linda and James Raines of Anson.

Carroll was born Nov. 26, 1928 in Knox County to Robert (Short) and Lillie Greenwood. Geneva was born in Haskell County, April 25, 1933, to Jasper (Jap) and Frances Wheeler.

The Greenwoods have sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They have made Hawley their home for thirty years.



MR. AND MRS. LAYMON NEWTON

Newtons to be honored

Laymon and Vera Newton of Rochester were married Mar. 1, 1952. They will be honored by their children and grandchildren with a family trip to Colorado this summer in celebration of their fiftieth anniversary.

Laymon Newton is a retired farmer. He is a veteran of World War II. Vera Newton is a retired Home

Economics teacher from Knox City High School.

The couple's children are Mike and Sharon Newton of College Station and Phillip and Fonda Newton of Haskell. Their grandchildren are Josh, Jordan and Matthew Newton of College Station and Kerri, Lauren and David Newton of Haskell.

Lose weight to sleep better

Expanding waistlines are causing many Americans to lose sleep.

Chronic obstructive sleep apnea, not visions of doughnuts, is keeping us awake. Obesity in the upper body, especially in the neck, can narrow the airways leading to the lungs, resulting in heavy snoring, pauses in breathing and frequent interruptions of sleep.

"Most of our overweight patients say they snore excessively and don't sleep well," said Dr. Peter Jones, an associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and medical director of weight management at Methodist Wellness Services at Methodist Healthcare Systems.

Patients in Methodist's weight management programs need to lose 50 or more pounds. After losing weight, many report that their sleep improves.

"Losing weight can be an important part of treatment for patients who have sleep apnea," said Dr. Max Hirshkowitz, associate professor of psychiatry and director of the Baylor Sleep Disorders Center at the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "Even a 10 percent weight loss can

reduce the number of times most patients stop breathing during the night."

Hirshkowitz recommends a thorough evaluation by a sleep expert to determine the cause of the sleep apnea and to plan individual therapy. Other treatments include continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), a procedure in which the patient wears an air pressure mask over the nose during sleep, dental appliances and surgery.

People with sleep apnea often feel very sleepy during the day and their concentration and daytime performance suffer. Other common symptoms include depression, irritability, sexual dysfunction, learning and memory difficulties, and falling asleep while at work, on the phone or driving. Untreated sleep apnea patients are more than three times as likely to have automobile accidents than the general public according to the National Sleep Foundation.

An estimated 50 percent of sleep apnea patients have high blood pressure. Risk for heart attack and stroke may also increase in those with sleep apnea.

TEEA members hold meeting

At the Feb. 14 meeting of the Texas Education Extension Association of Haskell County, members answered the roll call with whether or not they own a mobile phone. This was followed by a discussion of how the phone is useful and helpful.

A program titled "Emergency Preparedness" was presented by Lou Gilly, Extension Agent. Giving information on what can be done before an emergency takes place, she told how to be prepared, what items to have on hand, and how to be prepared to do without electricity, water or telephone service.

Upcoming events discussed included the District Spring Meeting to be held Mar. 6 in Archer City and the Tri-County Rally Day to be held Mar. 21, in Munday.

Jane Smith reported on how well the concession stand did at the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show. Proceeds from that will go toward Haskell County 4-H projects. Donations of goods from the Haskell Horse Club, First National Bank, Haskell National Bank and Modern Way Food Store helped in the success.

Hostesses Dolores Medford and Flossie Bates served a Valentine treat of chocolate cake and cherry cheese cake to members Jane Smith, Lena Tidwell, Lennie Ruth Blankenship, Joetta Burnett, Erma Lisle, Sharon Lefevre, Ruth Ann Klose, and guest Mary Lou Gilleland.

Students in the News

Several area students were among 1,890 students at Texas Tech University making the fall semester Honors List.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 qualified for the Dean's List.

Named to the Dean's List were Amy Michelle Teichelman of Rule, a senior, majoring in Early childhood; Jennifer Louise Andress of Haskell, a senior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies; Dan Jeffrey Fouts of Haskell, a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Jodi Erin Thigpen of Haskell, a

junior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Graduating from Texas Tech in December were: John Lyle Fouts, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Lanesa Lashea Hall, with a Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum, in Early Childhood; Amy Paige Shackelford with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

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OPINION

Favorite baby names for 2000 are given

Texas residents had more babies in 2000 than in any other year since births were first recorded in the state in 1903, according to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). The rate in 2000 was 17.9 births per 1,000 population compared 17.5 births per 1,000 population in 1999. A total of 363,325 babies were born in 2000.

For the third straight year, the names Jose and Emily headed the list of the ten most popular names for all Texas children born in the year 2000. Jose also leads the list of most popular boy names for Hispanic infants, while Ashley is the favorite for Hispanic girls. For African-American infants, the names Joshua and Jasmine were most often selected. For Anglo children the favorites were Jacob and Hannah.

On the top ten overall list for most popular boys names were, from one to ten: Jose, Jacob, Michael, Joshua, Christopher, Daniel, Matthew, David, Juan and Jonathan.

Making the overall top ten list for most popular girls names were, from one to ten: Emily, Ashley, Hannah,

Madison, Alexis, Samantha, Alyssa, Brianna, Jessica and Sarah.

The most popular names for Hispanic boy babies were: Jose, Juan, Luis, Daniel, Jesus, Jonathan, David, Christopher, Carlos and Angel. Most popular names for Hispanic girl babies were: Ashley, Jennifer, Maria, Samantha, Emily, Victoria, Brianna, Alexis, Alyssa and Jacqueline.

The most popular names for African-American boy babies were: Joshua, Christopher, Jordan, Cameron, Michael, Isaiah, Christian, Anthony, Jalen, and Xavier. The most popular names for the girls were: Jasmine, Kayla, Taylor, Destiny, Alexis, Jada, Brianna, Diamond, Kennedy and Kiara.

The most popular names for Anglo (including other and unknown race/ethnicity) boy babies were: Jacob, Michael, Matthew, Joshua, William, Zachary, Andrew, John, Ryan and Tyler. The most popular names for the girl babies were: Hannah, Madison, Emily, Sarah, Lauren, Taylor, Ashley, Alyssa, Elizabeth and Abigail.

Choosing the right pet can be difficult

Fuzzy and furry, feathered or finned - choosing the right pet can be a difficult decision.

A pet is often a member of the family and the pet-owning experience will be enjoyable if prospective pet owners take time to consider which animal suits their wants and needs, says Dr. James Snell, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. "Pets can provide pleasure, a sense of safety and companionship," Snell believes.

"When choosing a pet, consider space and exercise requirements. Evaluate your activities and daily schedule to help determine which pet is best for you."

Snell says most family pets are better kept indoors or in an appropriate kennel when its owners are away. Cats, birds, fish and small animals can adapt to suitable living quarters. But certain animals, such as active dogs, require more space and

need more daily exercise.

"Always consider temperament and physical abilities when selecting a pet," Snell adds. He says that your pet should be suited for the activities you enjoy. Is your pet suited for outdoor activities and weather conditions, or quiet time at home?

Consider the temperament and needs of animals and identify those that best match your lifestyle, he believes. And remember that pets depend on their caregivers for daily affection and needs.

"Feeding, grooming and exercise are daily time commitments that must be considered," notes Snell. Family members should decide what kind of animal they want, who will be responsible for needs of the pet and the amount of time that will be devoted to the pet.

Certain considerations should be kept in mind when choosing a dog as a pet.

Canned goods are nutritious, too

By Lou Gilly

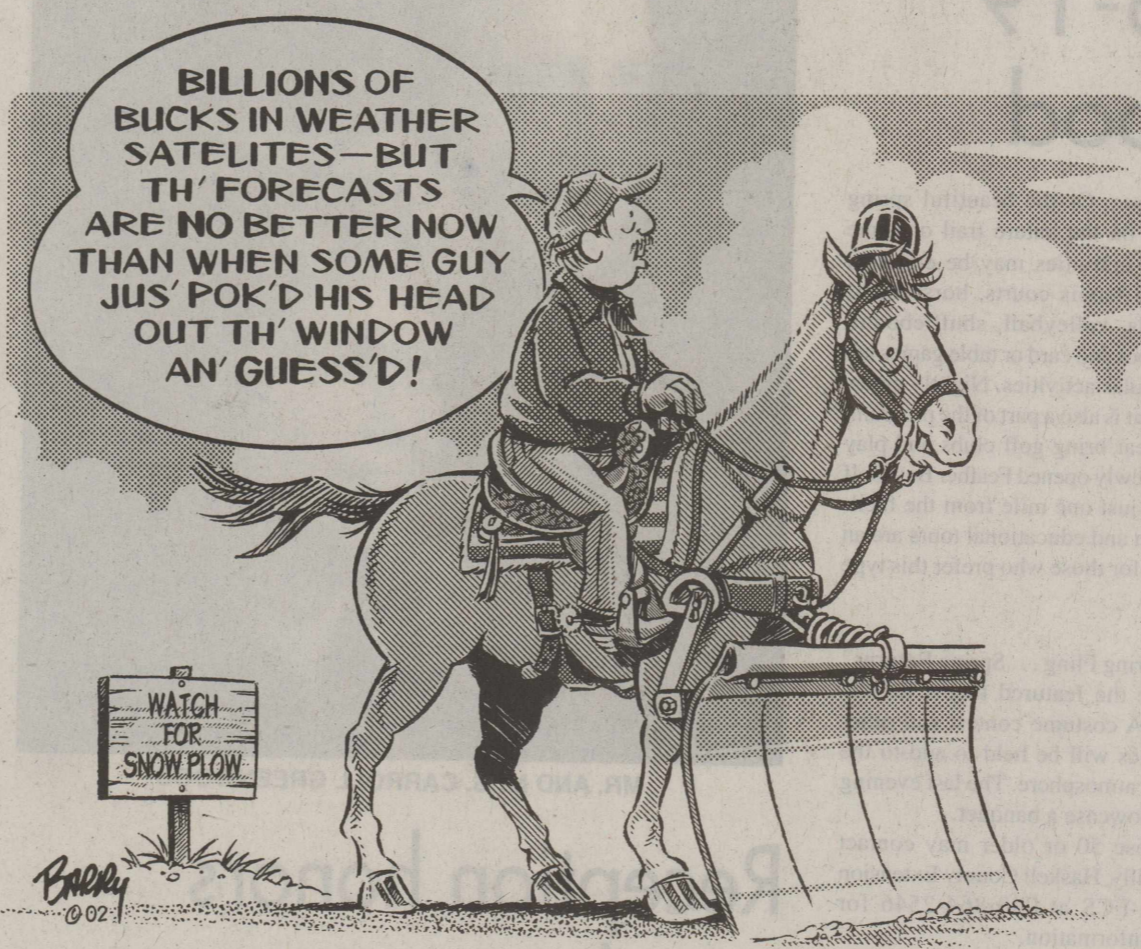
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Canned and frozen vegetables are nutritious, and can be substituted for fresh produce. It could be the easiest way of adding more produce to a diet. Learning to use them is important to maximize health and budget benefits.

Substituting generic brands for name brands can save money. They taste just as good and cost less. A vegetable that is packed, cut, diced

or chopped is also cheaper than if packed whole because whole vegetables are chosen for their appearance.

Canned foods should be stored at no more than seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit, and frozen vegetables should be stored at zero degrees Fahrenheit or less. Both should be disposed if they have been stored for more than a year.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
March 5, 1992

Greg Melton has been named principal of Haskell secondary school. He will succeed Gerald McCoy, who is retiring.

Katherine Martin of Haskell was one of two winners in the Youth Tour Speech Contest sponsored by Stamford Electric Cooperative. The other winner is from Stamford. The two winners will receive a 14-day all-expense paid trip to the nation's capitol, leaving June 4. Martin is the daughter of Philip and Laela Martin of Haskell.

Haskell's Shana McKenzie has been named the most valuable player on the 7-2A all-district basketball team. Also making the first team was Misti Bartley of Haskell.

20 Years Ago
March 11, 1982

A benefit basketball game will be held March 16 in the Haskell High School gym. The game will benefit the American Heart Association and will feature the Haskell Exes. Members of the Haskell Exes include: Kay Graham, Sandi Clay, Maxine Hanns, Gerre Larned, Pam Mathis, Linda Burris, Jana Hunt, Mary Rike, Cathy Bartley, Cathy Raughton and Lowell Ann Geilhausen.

Three Haskell players were named to the 7-AA all-District team. They are Melinda Blakley, first team;

Emily Cox, second team; and James Davis, 2nd team.

Philip Bledsoe received the outstanding North Texas regional industrial arts teacher of the year award. Bledsoe is a 1961 graduate of Haskell High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe of Haskell.

30 Years Ago
March 9, 1972

Haskell students who qualified for the dean's honor list for the fall semester at Texas Tech are Garland McKelvain, James E. Harris, David D. Sherry, Andrew Gannaway, Brenda Nanny, John P. Fouts, Terry K. Diggs, William J. Kemp, Pamela E. Reeves and Pamela K. Burson.

Pam Colbert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Colbert, won the Jaycee Sportsmanship Award for girls basketball at the Haskell High School All-Sport Banquet. The Jaycee Award for football sportsmanship went to Forrest Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brueggeman.

40 Years Ago
March 8, 1962

The Haskell Women's Bowling team sponsored by Oates Drug won first place and a cash prize in the Shamrock Lanes tournament held in Midland. Members of the team are Stella Steele, Louise Josselet, Betty Burson, Lee Burson and Ruby Medford.

Winning first place in the annual Boy Scout First Aid Contest was

Paint Creek Badgers which included Ricky Perry, Bob Earles, Danny Isbell, Steve Livengood and Bob Tate.

Gerald McCoy, HHS science teacher was named as Haskell's Outstanding Teacher and presented an award.

50 Years Ago
March 6, 1952

Bobbie Merchant, Mary Sue Byrd, Diane Clare, Doris Strain and Patsy Tumbow have been elected as drum majorettes for the Indian Band. Trice Hatchery will have a chick sale Tues., March 11. Price is \$6.95 per 100 or 8¢ each in small lots.

Pfc. Bob Bettis, 20, of Haskell, has been assigned to overseas service in the Far East. He had been stationed at the U. S. Marine base at El Toro, California. He is the son of Mrs. L. H. Cooper of Haskell.

90 Years Ago
March 9, 1912

Marvin Bros. sold a new Ford automobile to Dr. Dunn of Rochester and delivered it the first of the week.

Prof. Claudis Walden, who is teaching at the Roberts School, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Walden.

Cleveland Pierson was in Aspermont several days this week on business.

A. P. Kinnison has opened a barber shop next door to the printing office.

Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

Q: You called me last month and asked if I played the Canadian or Australian lotteries. When I said yes, you said your office had taken the Canadian Lottery to court and you could get the judge hearing the case to release my prize money.

Yesterday, a person from your office called and said that he had my prize money, but that I had to send a money order for \$3,500 for processing fees to be able to claim it. I told him to take the fees out of my prize and he hung up on me. When are you going to send me my money?

A: First of all, I promise that I did not call you. The person who did was using my name to make the scam seem legitimate. My office has not taken the Canadian lottery to court, because there really isn't a Canadian lottery to sue. In addition, as Attorney General, I cannot represent private individuals in court. My job, by law, is to represent the state.

What you experienced is a common scheme called the Cross-Border Lottery Scam. The fact that the person used my name is a troubling new twist. In this scam, the victim receives a call from a very enthusiastic, professional telemarketer who informs the victim that he or she has just won the Canadian

Lottery. The victim is then told that he or she has to send in money to cover taxes. The victim sends the money but never receives a prize.

Often, the victim will receive a call a few weeks later from someone who claims to be with a law enforcement agency. The caller says that he can recover the money the victim lost in the scam, but it will cost a fee. The victim sends the money order and never hears from the recovery center again.

Canadian law enforcement officials are working to combat these scams. Project PhoneBusters accepts complaints about these scams and coordinates with the appropriate law enforcement agency. To report a Canadian Lottery call, contact Project PhoneBusters at 888-495-8501. You can also visit their Web site at www.phonebusters.com.

In addition, my office will look into the fact that someone is using my name to con people out of their hard-earned money. I am glad that you did not fall for this scam, and I thank you for reporting this.

Q: I just received my Social Security annual statement, and it didn't show my whole social security number. Could they possibly have sent me the wrong summary? Is this possibly a scam?

A: The Social Security Administration, in an effort to prevent scams and identity theft, has stopped listing the first five numbers of social security numbers on annual statements. The annual statement is mailed each year and provides an earnings record and an estimate of future benefits.

If someone were to intercept your annual statement, that person could use your social security number to assume your identity. Identity theft occurs when a criminal uses another person's identifying information—name, address, social security number, bank account number, etc.—to open credit accounts, purchase items, rent an apartment, or even obtain a job. It is against the law to use another person's identifying information without permission. By removing the first five numbers from the annual statements, the Social Security Administration has made it harder for identity thieves to get your social security number and use it.

If you believe that someone has obtained your social security number and used it for fraudulent purposes, you can report it to the Social Security Administration's Fraud Hotline at 800-269-0271. For general information about the Social Security Administration, you can call 800-772-1213.

Boll weevil declared eradicated

The fight against boll weevils is drawing to a close in the Rolling Plains. According to the Haskell County FSA Office, the Rolling Plains growers can look forward to weevil-free cotton farming and its benefits, now that the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone has been declared functionally eradicated.

Some weevils are still being caught in portions of the zone that are near newer eradication zones, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. But these zones are closing in on functional eradication, and the RPC could quickly follow the pattern set by the Southern Rolling Plains (SRP), which was declared functionally eradicated in Sept. 2000. No weevils were caught in the SRP in 2001 and as a result, none of the acreage had to be treated for boll weevils, Allen said.

Speaking to cotton producers gathered at the annual Rolling Plains Cotton Growers meeting, State Sen. Robert Duncan, who has been instrumental in obtaining state cost-share funding for the program, noted the difficulties the program has faced since its inception, from a legal challenge that briefly shut down the program in 1997 to the recent drought and low cotton prices.

Duncan, who now represents Stonewall, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell and Scurry Counties, commended the growers for their involvement. "This is a unified effort," he said, "a unified spirit, so to speak, of production, agriculture, communities and everybody involved. It takes a lot to vote to support a program like this where it's going to cost you a lot of money. You have to trust the people who are involved in this, and then you have to do your part. And you have done your part."

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm reminisced about the plans RPEC made to deal with boll weevils when he was executive director for the organization in 1965.

"It just took 37 years to get where we needed to be to where we are today," he quipped. Noting that growers would be voting whether to continue eradication, he urged them to retain the program.

In making the declaration at the RPEC meeting, Agriculture Commissioner, Susan Combs, said that cotton brings a billion and a half dollars into the state's economy each year. "Were we not fighting the boll weevil to a standstill, you run the risk of losing 30 percent of that money, which is \$500 million, more or less," she said.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Correction

A headline appearing in last week's Haskell Free Press above the story about the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District stated that well testing was underway. The district is not testing wells, but is locating and registering wells.

Information in the Student in the News column in the Feb. 21 edition of the Haskell Free Press should have read:

Katie Cruz made the Honorable Mention Roll at Hardin-Simmons University. Students on the list have completed 6 to 11 semester hours with a 3.6 grade point average or better.

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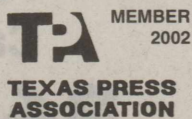
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GOOD MANNERS REWARDED—Haskell Elementary students who were recognized in January for their good manners and courtesy in the lunchroom were: back row, l-r, Christian Myers, Brett Siegfried, Amanda Aguirre, Ashley Belcher and Travis Adams. Middle, Victor Vasquez, Scottie Rodriguez, Lora Wright, Brady Leach and Meagan Gonzales. Front, Micah Thomas, Emily Fouts, Codi Foster and Aubrey Bassett.

Texas Brigade camps seek applicants

**By Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent**

The call is going out for enlistments into 2002's "Texas Brigades," a group of wildlife-oriented youth camps aimed at cadets 13-17 years old. The camps use bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer and wild turkeys as vehicles to equip young people with communications skills and leadership development in an outdoor setting. The skills cadets learn in the fast-paced summer camps are invaluable regardless of their future career goals.

"This year marks the 10th year of the Brigade concept," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and founder of the Brigades. "These camps continue to grow in popularity, not only in Texas, but in at least five other states. We've combined the Bobwhite, Buckskin and Feather Force Brigades into the overarching 'Texas Brigades' as the camps have continued to expand."

The two Buckskin Brigades dates and locations are: South Texas, 3rd Battalion, La Pryor, June 2-6; and North Texas, 1st Battalion, Lueders, July 21-25. Dates and locations for the two Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains, 10th Battalion, Lueders, June 22-26; and South Texas, 5th Battalion, Cambellton, July 14-18. The East Texas "Feather Forces" Bri-

gade, 6th Battalion, July 28-August 1 at Broadus, centers around quail and turkey.

" Oftentimes after I've given a talk somewhere, kids and parents ask me about possible careers in wildlife management. While our primary objective is not to be training our Brigade cadets as future wildlife biologists, they do have a great opportunity to rub elbows with the 'who's who' of Texas wildlife professionals," said Rollins. "To that end, many have a chance to get a real taste of a wildlife-oriented career track."

Rollins said after graduating, each cadet is expected to present educational programs in his or her home county.

"These programs make a positive, long-term, impact on the youth who really get involved. I hear it from their college instructors, parents and others who are introduced to the Brigades through the students' efforts."

"The camps themselves have received several state and national awards, as have some of the cadets who've been trained," said Rollins. "For example, two of our recent cadets, John and Drew McEachern, twins from Paducah, were named Outstanding Youth Conservationists by the Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas.

"I believe 2002 is going to be a 'hit high gear' year for the Texas Brigades Wildlife Camps. We've been successful in enlisting a number of corporate sponsors and the enthusiasm among the adults involved in putting on the camps continues to be one of 'gung ho.'"

The camps' sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, local Soil and Water conservation Districts, private businesses and landowners.

Organizers are willing to help cadets find scholarships for at least half of the tuition. Applications are available in pdf format at <http://texnat.tamu.edu> or www.texasbrigades.org. Applications are due by April 15 and may be sent to Helen Holdsworth, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230.

For more information contact Dr. Dale Rollins at 915-653-4576 or email him at d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Holdsworth, San Antonio-based Texas Brigades executive director at 210-476-6578 or email her at h-holdsworth@tamu.edu.

Educational Diagnostician's Week Mar. 4-8

Texas Governor Rick Perry has declared the week of Mar. 4-8 to be Educational Diagnostician's Week.

Educating our children is the most important thing we will ever do in Texas and our education professionals, including educational diagnosticians, are the key to our success. Educational diagnosticians work closely with exceptional children, their parents and school districts.

In addition to having a Master's Degree, a valid Texas teaching certificate and three years of classroom experience, educational diagnosticians must also complete a 33-semester hour special program before they can be certified.

These professionals identify and address potential learning problems early by testing children for language ability, perceptual-motor skills, intelligence, adaptive behavior and academic achievement. They determine eligibilities for special education services and recommend appropriate programs. Diagnosticians also consult with professionals in other fields when children exhibit speech, physical, medical or emotional difficulties.

Haskell-Knox diagnostician Sue Medford, serves Rochester ISD, Munday ISD, Goree ISD and Knox City-O'Brien CISD. She received her Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University in May 2000.

Diagnostician Jennifer Mathis serves Haskell ISD and Rule ISD. She received her Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University in August 2001. Wendy Mathis serves Benjamin ISD, Paint Creek ISD, Munday ISD and Knox City-O'Brien CISD. She received her Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University in December 2001.

The Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement said it is very fortunate to have the quality of professionalism that is found in these three as they serve the Haskell and Knox County School Districts as Educational Diagnosticians.



VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE—Alene Collins, left, and Joyce Davis help serve lunch to several hundred local senior citizens who come to the ECC three days a week to enjoy a meal and fellowship.

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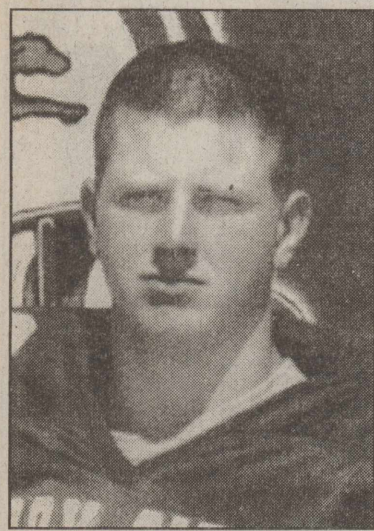
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Carver to play in FCA All-Star game



CASEY CARVER

Casey Carver of Knox City High School has been chosen to play in the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) All-Star Football Classic to be held Sat., June 8 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

The son of David and Sharla Carver, he was one of 84 area athletes selected for the third annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the FCA. The roster of players on the

North and South squads, representing 47 area schools, was announced Sun., Feb. 24.

Teams will report for two-a-day workouts on Tues., June 4. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local huddle members will be held Fri., June 7.

In addition to the FCA All-Star Football Classic selection, Carver was one of the captains of the Knox City Greyhound Team and was selected to 1st Team All-District Offensive Line, 1st Team All-District Defensive Line, the AP Poll 1st Team All-State Offensive Line, AP Poll 2nd Team All-State Defensive Line, Honorable Mention All State All Academic, All-Big Country Football Team Offensive Line and the Texas Sports Writers Association 2nd Team Defensive Line.

A senior at Knox City High School, Carver plans to play football for Angelo State University. He is the grandson of Biggon and Glenda Drinnon of Haskell, Jerry and Jean Carver of Rochester and the great-grandson of Alta Faye Field of Haskell, and Jerry and Jean Carver of Rochester.

Readying chicken for market takes skill

By Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Much work goes into getting a consumer-acceptable chicken. A chicken's breeding, diet, and disease-control regimen all play a part in providing the best possible bird in a cost-efficient manner.

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Instruments are needed to measure characteristics such as chemical components accurately to provide tender chicken that consumers want. Human subjects are also necessary to determining the aroma, taste and texture of meat by use of the senses. This can lead to more efficient economic production methods because consumers use the same senses to decide whether the meat is acceptable or not.

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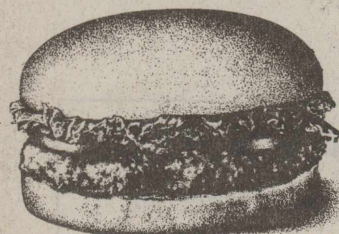
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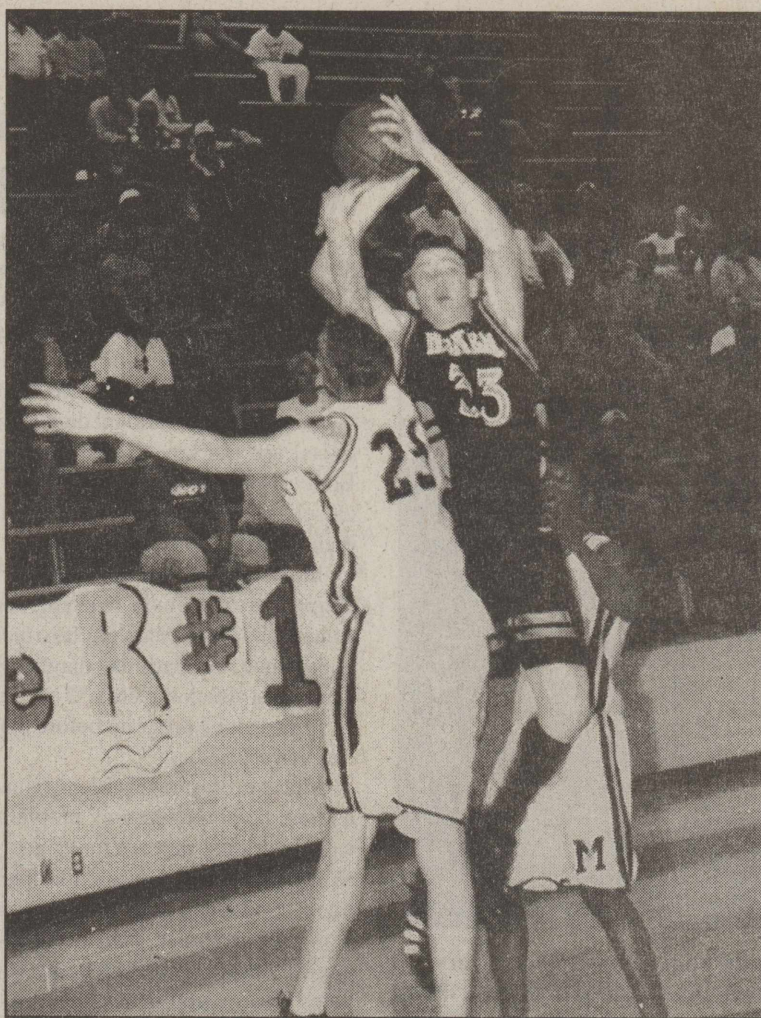
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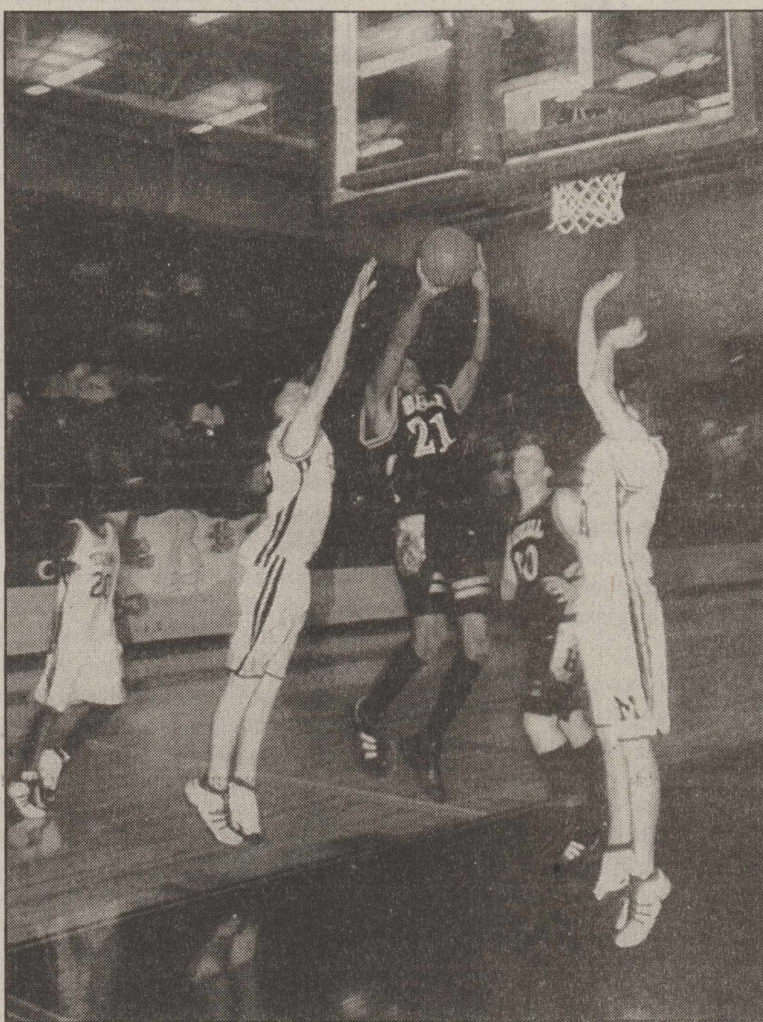
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INDIAN IN A CROWD—Haskell's #33 Wes Steele soars in the Bi-District game with Memphis, Feb. 18. Photo by Bill Blankenship



FLYING INDIAN—Haskell's #21 Leon Goudeau goes up for points in the Bi-district game with Memphis. Photo by Bill Blankenship



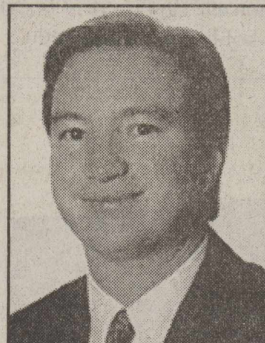
UP AGAINST FLOYDADA—Haskell Maiden, #44 Melissa Buerger goes for a basket in the game Feb. 15. Photo by Bill Blankenship



IN FOR A BASKET—Haskell's #40 Katie Thompson closes in during the game with Floydada, Feb. 15. Photo by Bill Blankenship

TAX PLANNING

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA



CUT YOUR TAXES WHILE YOU BUILD A RETIREMENT FUND

Individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are a popular way to save for retirement. Last year's tax law changes make them more attractive than ever, so it's a good idea to brush up on your IRA choice.

Traditional IRA. You can contribute up to \$2,000 to an IRA for 2001, as long as you have at least that much earned income. For 2002, the contribution limit increases to \$3,000 (\$3,500 for those 50 and over).

If a traditional IRA is your only retirement plan, you'll receive a tax deduction for your entire contribution. But if you're also covered by a retirement plan at work, your contribution may be partly deductible or not deductible at all depending on how much you earn.

Contributions and earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. Then you'll owe tax on the earnings and any deductible contributions at your regular income tax rate. With traditional IRAs, you're required to start withdrawing money the year after you turn 70 1/2. If you withdraw money before you turn age 59 1/2, you'll have to pay a 10% penalty unless you meet one of several exceptions.

Roth IRA. Roth contributions are not deductible, but you won't pay tax on your retirement funds if you follow the rules. Higher income individuals can't contribute to Roth IRAs.

You can generally withdraw your contributions at any time. But if you withdraw the earnings before you reach 59 1/2 and before you meet a five-year holding period, you could face income tax and penalties on the withdrawals. Like traditional IRAs, there are exceptions to the age 59 1/2 penalty rule. Unlike traditional IRAs, Roths don't require mandatory distributions.

Spousal IRA. In addition to your own IRA, you can contribute to an IRA on behalf of your nonworking spouse.

Whether you choose a traditional or a Roth IRA, you must generally make your 2001 contribution by April 15, 2002, and your 2002 contribution by April 15, 2003. Of course the earlier in the year you contribute, the more growth potential you'll have.

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Wallace, Reid to compete March 10-16

Haskell High School students, Meagan Wallace and Alexis Reid have qualified to compete in the 2002 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination to be held Mar. 10-16 at the University of Texas, Austin. They qualified by placing first at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet in Hamlin, Feb. 14.

This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively the issue of sig-

nificantly limiting weapons of mass destruction through United States foreign policy. Jana Riggins, UIL Debate Director, said, "UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities."

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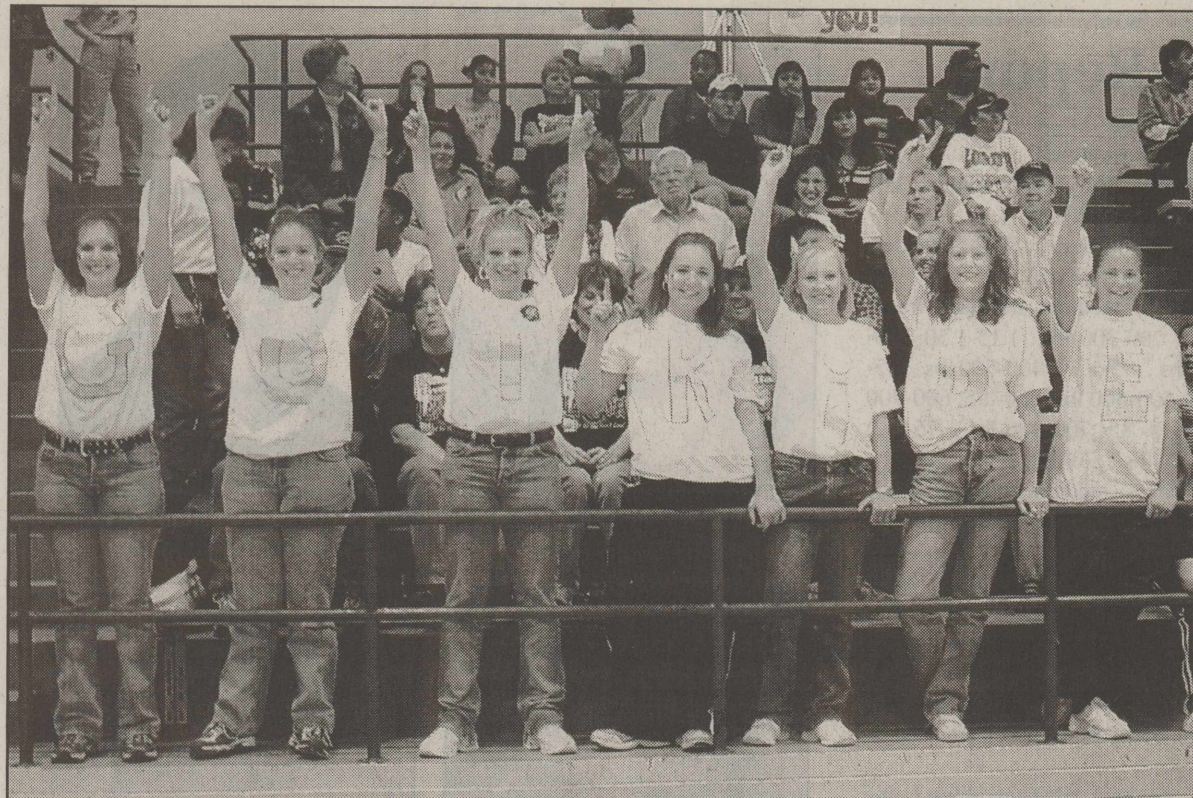
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GO TRIBE!—Haskell students cheering at the Bi-district game spell out encouragement for the Indians. From the left are Angela Brown, Bergen Peiser, Mindy Price, Whitney Hise, Mandy Adams, Brittany Lindsey and Lacie Peiser. Memphis edged out Haskell, 54-50. Photo by Bill Blankenship



COOKS—Employees cooking up hot meals in the kitchen three days a week at the Haskell ECC are, l-r, Debbie Kreger, Frances Land, Evelyn Moeller, Margie Cardwell and Janet Stephens.

Protecting agriculture products is important

Rounding out a whirlwind multi-state tour this month, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman stopped in Dallas to address the 2002 National Cotton Council delegation and appoint members and alternates to the National Cotton Board.

She thanked American farmers and ranchers for supplying the nation with safe, abundant food and fiber, emphasizing agriculture's importance to the homeland security.

Veneman stated, "We need to do everything we can to protect our food and agricultural sector not only from unintentional threats, but now also from intentional threats to our food supply, and we've been working very hard on this at USDA."

In her message to the 700 del-

egates representing a cross-section of the nation's cotton industry, Veneman emphasized the Administration's and U. S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) support for policies and a farm bill that ensure American agricultural producers are afforded every opportunity to maximize production and compete in the growing global market.

"The Administration supports farm policies that would strengthen the farm economy over the long term, programs that are market oriented and encourage independence but don't hurt producers. The President also wants a farm bill that supports international trade," said Secretary Veneman.

These are welcome words of en-

couragement to the cotton industry considering the volatile nature of the agriculture economy. Cotton communities in Texas alone last an estimated \$433 million for the 2001 crop year.

Secretary Veneman expressed her desire to have farm policy passed that is "generous but affordable" and able to jump-start the agriculture economy through export expansion, increased support for research and technology, conservation, elimination of unfair trade practices, and risk management.

"A good farm bill must provide a safety net for farmers without encouraging overproduction which thereby depresses prices. If we set loan rates too high, it could reverse their intended impact and make an already difficult situation even worse," Veneman said.

According to Veneman, passing new farm legislation is just one hurdle facing the Administration. USDA then faces the daunting task of implementing the associated farm program changes. USDA must be ready to quickly deliver the programs once the President signs the farm bill.

Farm service Agency (FSA), under the USDA umbrella, will be re-

sponsible for timely, efficient program delivery which will include distributing payments to producers.

John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency spoke candidly with the Secretary during her Texas visit. Fuston assured the Secretary that Texas FSA is poised and ready to implement the legislative changes as soon as the state receives regulations and software for program delivery.

Veneman agreed with Fuston that timing and availability of technological tools were essential to effective farm program delivery. She reiterated her commitment to improved information technology within the Department. She acknowledged the need for a streamlined program delivery process and envisions USDA coming into the 21st century with technology mirroring that of the private sector.

Before leaving Dallas, Veneman appointed 17 members and 18 alternate members to the National Cotton Board responsible for competitively positioning cotton in the marketplace. More information may be obtained from the USDA website at www.usda.gov.

Disabled students focus of survey

While the curriculum for students is getting tougher, and the pressure to increase achievement is growing, a majority of Texas teachers are also facing the added challenge of having students with disabilities in their classrooms according to a recent survey by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE).

Seventy percent of respondents to the survey agree with the statement: "I have students with disabilities in my classroom." However, only fifty percent feel they are fully trained to handle such students.

"Special needs students are a valuable part of every school," says Tim Fogarty, ATPE state president. "It is very important that quality training is provided for all educators who serve these students."

"The biggest challenge in teaching students with disabilities is to remember that they are individuals who have very different and specific needs," says Patrice Rabalais, a special education teacher at Ozen High School in Beaumont. "These students deserve the same dignity and respect as all other students in the school."

The survey findings also reveal that teachers are deeply concerned about school finance, which will be

a major issue during the 2002 legislative session. Of those teachers responding, fifty-eight percent agree a state income tax should not be created. However, nearly half say they would support a state income tax dedicated to public education if it meant a reduction in property taxes.

The ATPE is the largest educator group in Texas with membership consisting primarily of classroom teachers, but also including paraprofessionals, administrators, retired educators and college students.

Time management

By Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Effective time management is a matter of priorities. Making a personal time log and chart will show how you are spending your time. Divide your chart into four categories.

First, write your job-related activities like paid work and housework. Then, write the personal activities like shopping and hobbies.

Third, add your personal maintenance activities like eating, sleeping and exercising. Finally, write down fun activities such as movies and sports. See how you are spending your time after a week or so, and adjust where needed.

This chart will help determine ways to use time more productively. Making a daily list of to "do's" can put an end to procrastination.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 263 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cattle steady to \$2 higher; stockers \$1-\$2 lower. Feeders \$1-\$3 lower.

Jersey, longhorns, holsteins, cripples, bad eyes, knots, \$5-\$30 less

than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .38-.45; cutters, .40-.49; canners, .20-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.62; feeder: 68-75; utility: 45-53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.15-1.50; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-1.05; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-700 lbs., .78-.85; 700-800 lbs., .75-.82; 800-up lbs., .70-.80.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.30; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-.95; 500-600 lbs., .78-.88; 600-up lbs., .60-.82.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 625-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 650-750; aged or small 475-625.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-900; aged or small, 650-775.

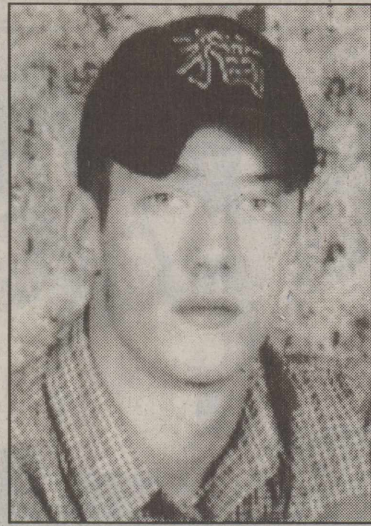
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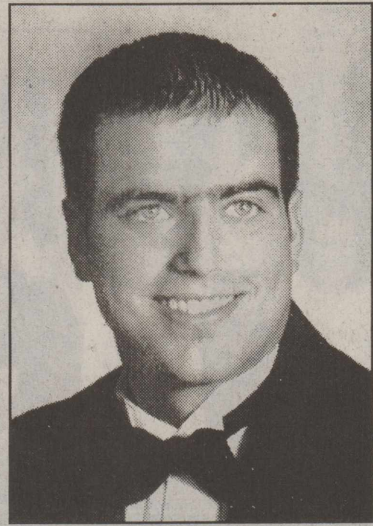
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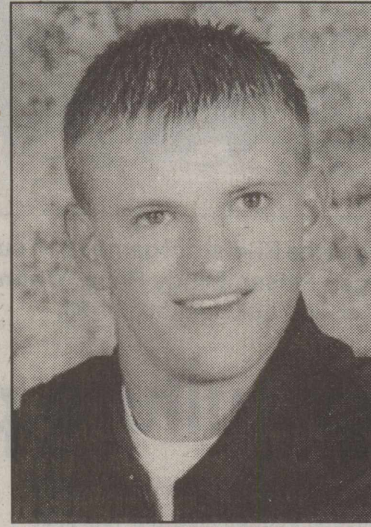
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This Week's Devotional Message:

FAITH DEMONSTRATES THE FUTILITY OF ENVY



Of all the human emotions in our repertoire, envy is perhaps the most destructive of our happiness and spiritual well-being, and is just as unnecessary. The very time we waste in resentment over another's good fortune could be far better spent in counting our own blessings and increasing our own accomplishments. The good Lord endowed each of us with different

abilities, and it is up to us to make the most of them. Wealth can evaporate and good luck reverse itself; however real peace of mind depends not on transient things but on the knowledge that God loves us equally and asks only that we do our best. Learn this at the Church of your choice, and think of the person you have envied as just an example of what you yourself can do.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
James Fincher, pastor • 864-5438
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Samuel Blackwell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

WEINERT

First Baptist Church
Chris Powell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Troy Culppepper, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church
Kyle Gullledge, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church
Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Artuo Jr. Flores
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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Students visit Rotary Club

Justin Tidrow is the son of J. T. and Alicia Tidrow of Haskell.

He attends the Church of God. His school activities include football four years, baseball four years and track two years.

He received the All-District Fighting Heart in baseball in his junior year.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastime activities.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Blinn Jr. College two years and transfer to Texas A&M University or Sam Houston State University.

Bryce Hudgens is the son of Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens of Haskell. His school activities include football four years and baseball four years.

He was named All-District in Fielder and the Most Handsome Man in Haskell CISD.

Hunting, fishing and playing golf are his favorites pastime activities.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Blinn Jr. College or Tarleton State University.

Brandon Early is the son of David and Jamie Caldwell.

In school he is active in football and baseball.

During his leisure time he works at the Dairy Queen.

After finishing high school he plans to move to Hawaii and attend Hawaii Pacific University.

Cliff McGuire is the son of Steve and Phoi McGuire of Haskell.

He attends Haskell First Baptist Church.

In school he is active in football, basketball, baseball and the One Act Play. He was named to the 2nd Team All District, the Haskell Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player and to the All Tournament Team at Vernon and Hawley Tournaments.

For recreation he likes to play basketball, work on the farm, hunt and spend time with friends.

After finishing high school he plans to attend Texas Tech University, teach history and be a basketball coach.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., March 11

Lunch—Ground beef and spaghetti, tossed salad, 3 bean dish, Harvard beets, garlic bread, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., March 13

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check
 Lunch—Beef stew, fresh tossed salad, cornbread, applesauce, gingerbread, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., March 15

Lunch—Chicken pot pie, buttered corn, mixed greens, blackeyed peas, cornbread, cookies, pears, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Gov't & Others Auction

Saturday March 9, 2002 10 a.m. VIEW: 8 a.m.

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'Plum Cute' Sandwich Shoppe Auction

Sunday Afternoon March 10, 2002 1 p.m. VIEW: Noon

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Elaine has closed the Sandwich Shoppe to relocate her business. 12 Tables, 40+ Chairs, 30" Gas Range, DD Fridge, Microwave, Food Prep Table, Sm. Appliances, Dishes, Glasses/ Cups, S/P, Other Kitchen Misc. Decorative Items: Chicken Coops/Nest, 3'x8" Nehi Sign, Other Signs, Bread Boxes, Tins, Yard Tools, Old Washing Machine, Bead Board Hutch Top, Milk Can, Washing Well, Movie Speakers, Wood Windows, Flower Arrangements, Etc. MISC.: B&D Table Saw, Sears 10" Band Saw, Ladder, 50+ Rolls of New Material, Circular Bolt Bin, Stamp Machine, 20+ Barbies, 50+ Beanie Babies and MORE!!

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3-16 Baliff Estate, Brick Home/Contents, Stamford, TX 10 a.m.

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Rule Chamber banquet set March 18

The Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held at the school cafeteria Mon., Mar. 18 at 7:00 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by Randy McLelland, who is well known in the area for the time he spent with the First Baptist Church of Haskell.

McLelland was born in Pasadena, Texas, and raised in the (then) small community of Mont Belvieu, north of Baytown. After graduating from high school in 1973, he worked in the industrial area of the Houston ship channel until he was laid off during the oil crunch of the early eighties. He then worked in the insurance business for three years, before deciding to enter full-time ministry. He served as a youth minister

in three Baptist churches for thirteen years. In Oct. 1997, he was blessed with the opportunity to realize a dream by starting his own ministry.

McLelland has been entertaining and speaking for years, getting his start during his school years. During his youth ministry years, he became known by as "Randy Mac." He began to use the name on radio work, and now it's the name most folks know him by.

Today, Randy Mac spends a lot of time on the road, preaching and/or leading worship for revivals, camps, retreats, rallies, crusades, Disciple Now events, etc. He also provides a variety of clean entertainment with music and humor for many banquets and civic gatherings. Be-

cause of his assorted God-given abilities, Randy Mac is able to tailor-make programs for the various groups he's asked to work with.

Paw Paw Mac is sometimes invited to come alone to speak at banquets, but usually travels with Randy Mac to his various engagements. Although they ride in the same vehicle, they have made a mutual agreement never to appear together on the same platform.

The public is invited to come to Rule for a night of fun and good eats. The Junior Class will cater the meal of ham, baked potatoes and the trimmings. The theme will be patriotic, red, white and blue. Tickets for the event are \$8.00 advance or at the door.

TxDOT to proceed with highway

Texas Department of Transportation officials in the Abilene district office announced that the Federal Highway Administration has completed their review of the environmental documentation pertaining to the new reroute of U. S. 277 through Haskell.

No significant impact for the proposed project to realign U. S. 277 on the east side of Haskell has been found. The new alignment of the highway would begin .6 miles south of Haskell to .9 miles north of Haskell.

Approval of the documentation authorizes TxDOT to proceed with the acquisition of needed right-of-way and project plan preparation.

A letting date for the proposed project has not been set at this time. The Hamlin area office will oversee plan preparation with Joe Higgins, P. E. acting as the project manager. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to Higgins at 915-576-2765.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

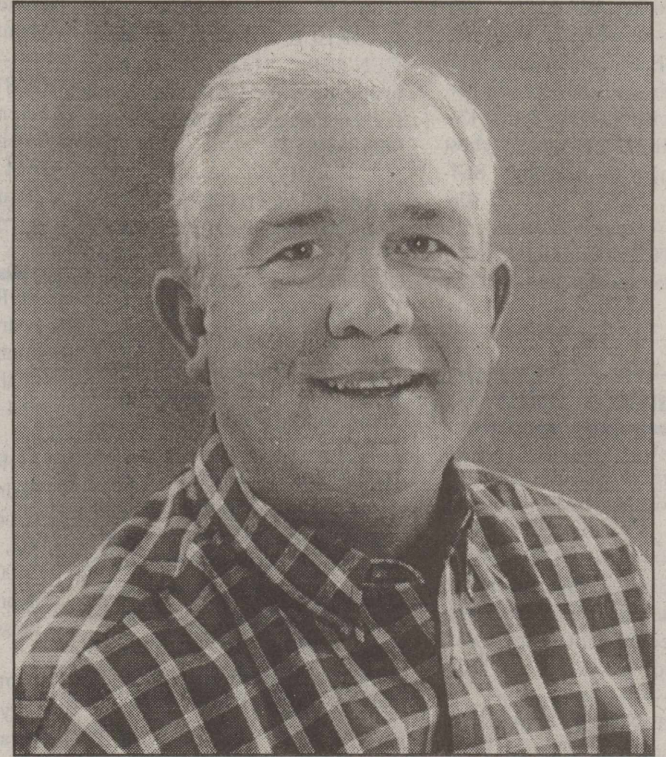
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Rule Co-op Gin	5,598
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